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10	OF CALIFORNIA
11	X CIVIL ACTION NO.
12	BRAVADO INTERNATIONAL GROUP
13	MERCHANDISING SERVICES, INC. CV09 09066 PSG (C)
14	COMPLAINT FOR
15	Plaintiff, TRADEMARK, RIGHT OF PUBLICITY
16	-against- AND COPYRIGHT
17	INFRINGEMENT AND
18	<u>UNFAIR COMPETITION</u>
19	JIN O. CHA a/k/a JIN CHA, OK SPORTSWEAR,
	EZ SPORTSWEAR, CHANG OH KIM a/k/a CHANG O. KIM a/k/a CHUCK KIM, EDEN
20	SPORTS, INC., JUSTIN JU, SY SPORTS,
21	SUSAN LEE a/k/a SUSAN YOON, LEE'S
22	FAMILY, INC., GREEN T CORP., KYUNG SOOK MA, CESAR IGIESIAS, BLING BLING, INC.,
23	KAUH UN LEE, ARTHUR BERMAN, WACKY
24	PLANET a/k/a WACKYPLANET.COM, a/k/a
25	THEPLANETSHOPS.COM, DAVID AHOUBIAN, a/k/a DAVID AHOUBIN a/k/a DAVID AHOUBIM,
26	D&T DISTRIBUTION, PARIS FASHIONS,
27	CLOTHING ISLAND a/k/a CLOTHINGISLAND.COM,
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1	PAPARONE, DR. JAY'S, INC. a/k/a DR. JAYS
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3	AZIZI AFSHIN a/k/a AFSHIN AZIZI, BARGIN
4	WHOLESALER CORPORATION a/k/a BARGIN
5	WHOLESALER.COM a/k/a WHOLESALECLOTHING
	MARKET.COM a/k/a TBWHOLESALER.COM a/k/a
6	TOP BRANDS WHOLESALER a/k/a TOP BRANDS,
7	AHMAD JAMHOUR, OZ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
	a/k/a CRAZYTEES.NET, OTTO SUAREZ, OLGA LYONS,
8	SHOP RUMOR, LLC, ANOOSHKA ZAKARIAN,
9	ESTHER LEE, KEUM SPORTSWEAR CORP.,
10	CHAN SONG LEE, AFRICAN AMERICAN DOLLAR
İ	STORE, EDNA CLEMENT SWAN, JACK LEIBERMAN
11	a/k/a JACK LIEBERMAN, PROGRESSIVERAGS.COM,
12	SKREENED, LLC, DANIEL CHRISTOPHER FOX, SHIEKH,
10	LLC d/b/a SHIEKH SHOES, INCREDIBLEGIFTS.COM, DANIEL LASSOFF, SHAKY CITY BLUES, MARIO
13	ONTIVEROS, MAIN COLLECTION, INC. a/k/a MAIN
14	SPORTSWEAR, SU YOUNG CHO, MB SPORTSWEAR,
15	CHOUNG H. CHOE, RIGHT THANG, HYO JANG YOON,
	BUY MERCHANT, INC. a/k/a BUYMERCHANT.COM,
16	CRAIG N. BENTHAM, STEAL DEAL, INC. ABRAHAM
17	DAVOOD, MICHAEL DAVOOD, EBBY DAVOOD,
18	THE WILD SIDE, INC. a/k/a THEWILDSIDE.COM,
	KINGSLEY SYME a/k/a KINGLEY SYMES,
19	SETUP SITE, INC. a/k/a HARRINGTON OUTLETS
20	a/k/a OBAMATSHIRTS.US, SOUR CANDY, SHOE
21	BALANCE INTERNATIONAL YAK SHOE INC.
	a/k/a WHOLESALE SITUATION, JASON AREF, JULIO
22	AREF, WATCH TIME, INC., AZIZ R. ALI, UNISHOW
23	(USA), INC. a/k/a UNISHOW, INC., GARY CHEN, RENA
24	CHEN, AMILINE.COM, JIAN ZHU, GRAVITY TRADING,
24	INC., TONY IN CHONG,
25	Defendants.
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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff Bravado International Group Merchandising Services, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Bravado") is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of California with a place of business in Los Angeles, California.
- Upon information and belief, at all relevant times herein, defendants 2. OK SPORTSWEAR, EZ SPORTSWEAR, EDEN SPORTS, INC., SY SPORTS, LEE'S FAMILY, INC., GREEN T CORP., BLING BLING, INC., WACKY PLANET a/k/a WACKYPLANET.COM, a/k/a THEPLANETSHOPS.COM, D&T DISTRIBUTION, PARIS FASHIONS, CLOTHING ISLAND a/k/a CLOTHINGISLAND.COM, PRINT LIBERATION, DR. JAY'S, INC. a/k/a DR. JAYS a/k/a DR. JAYS.COM, MAGGI FASHION WHOLESALE, INC., BARGIN WHOLESALER CORPORATION a/k/a BARGIN WHOLESALER.COM a/k/a WHOLESALECLOTHING MARKET.COM a/k/a TBWHOLESALER.COM a/k/a TOP BRANDS WHOLESALER a/k/a TOP BRANDS, OZ COMMUNICATIONS. INC. a/k/a CRAZYTEES.NET, SHOP RUMOR, LLC, KEUM SPORTSWEAR CORP., AFRICAN AMERICAN DOLLAR STORE, PROGRESSIVERAGS.COM, SKREENED, LLC, SHIEKH, LLC d/b/a SHIEKH SHOES, INCREDIBLEGIFTS.COM, SHAKY CITY BLUES, MAIN COLLECTION, INC. a/k/a MAIN SPORTSWEAR, MB SPORTSWEAR, RIGHT THANG, BUY MERCHANT, INC. a/k/a BUYMERCHANT.COM, STEAL DEAL, INC. THE WILD SIDE, INC. a/k/a THEWILDSIDE.COM, SETUP SITE, INC. a/k/a HARRINGTON OUTLETS a/k/a OBAMATSHIRTS.US, SOUR CANDY, SHOE BALANCE INTERNATIONAL YAK SHOE INC. a/k/a WHOLESALE SITUATION, WATCH TIME, INC., UNISHOW (USA), INC. a/k/a UNISHOW, INC., AMILINE.COM and GRAVITY TRADING, INC. corporations, limited

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liability companies and/or unincorporated entities that have transacted business in and/or have committed their infringing activities alleged below in the Central District of California and/or knew that said activities would affect Bravado, a California corporation, and/or the Michael Jackson estate, and/or would have an effect in the Central District of California.

3. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times herein, defendants JIN O. CHA a/k/a JIN CHA, CHANG OH KIM a/k/a CHANG O, KIM a/k/a CHUCK KIM, JUSTIN JU, SUSAN LEE a/k/a SUSAN YOON, KYUNG SOOK MA, CESAR IGIESIAS, KAUH UN LEE, ARTHUR BERMAN, DAVID AHOUBIAN, a/k/a DAVID AHOUBIN a/k/a DAVID AHOUBIM, JAIME DILLON, NICK PAPARONE, MANSOUR ROKHSARZADEH, AZIZI AFSHIN a/k/a AFSHIN AZIZI, AHMAD JAMHOUR, OTTO SUAREZ, OLGA LYONS, ANOOSHKA ZAKARIAN, ESTHER LEE, CHAN SONG LEE, EDNA CLEMENT SWAN, JACK LEIBERMAN a/k/a JACK LIEBERMAN, DANIEL CHRISTOPHER FOX, DANIEL LASSOFF, MARIO ONTIVEROS, SU YOUNG CHO, CHOUNG H. CHOE, HYO JANG YOON, CRAIG N. BENTHAM, ABRAHAM DAVOOD, MICHAEL DAVOOD, EBBY DAVOOD, KINGSLEY SYME a/k/a KINGLEY SYMES, JASON AREF, JULIO AREF, AZIZ R. ALI, GARY CHEN, RENA CHEN, JIAN ZHU and TONY IN CHONG have transacted business in and/or have committed their infringing activities and/or have overseen the infringing activities alleged below in the Central District of California and/or knew that said activities would affect Bravado, a California corporation, and/or the Michael Jackson estate, and/or would have an effect in the Central District of California.

4. This action arises under the Lanham Trademark Act (15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.) and the Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. §101 et seq). This Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. 1331 and 1338(a). This Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over the Third, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Causes of Action because they arise out of a common nucleus of operative facts as the First and Second Causes of Action.

PARTIES

- 5. Michael Jackson was one of the most famous musical performers of this era and he used his name, trademarks, likeness and logos to identify himself in all phases of the entertainment industry to distinguish himself from other professional entertainers.
- 6. Michael Jackson has identified himself with the Michael Jackson name, likeness and trademarks since as early as 1964 to distinguish his performing services and/or merchandise pertaining to him from other parties.
- 7. Michael Jackson has sold an estimated 750 Million copies of recorded product throughout the world and has twice been inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, as a solo artist and as a member of the Jackson 5. The Guinness Book of World Records recognized Michael Jackson as the Most Successful Entertainer of All Time. His album "Thriller" sold more than 70 million units worldwide, more than any record ever. Michael Jackson has had licensed sales of millions of dollars worth of licensed merchandise bearing the Michael Jackson and/or King of Pop trademarks.

- Plaintiff Bravado has been, at all times relevant herein, engaged in the 8. business of marketing and selling merchandise bearing the names, trade names. trademarks, logos and/or likenesses of musical groups and performers throughout the United States. Plaintiff is selling Michael Jackson merchandise pursuant to an agreement with Triumph International, Inc. ("Triumph"), an entity owned by the Michael Jackson estate, that controls all rights in the Michael Jackson name, likeness, trademark and any other mark and/or indicia associated with Michael Jackson and/or his persona, including, but without limitation to, "King of Pop". Pursuant to said agreement, Bravado has been granted the exclusive right to sell merchandise and commence actions against parties that sell merchandise bearing the Michael Jackson name, likeness, trademark and any other mark and/or indicia associated with Michael Jackson and/or his persona, including King of Pop, and all reproductions rights on said merchandise in copyrighted artwork and/or photographs in which the Michael Jackson estate and/or an entity owned by the Michael Jackson's estate owns the copyright.
- 9. Defendants are unlicensed distributors who have been distributing and selling unauthorized shirts and/or posters and/or other items bearing the Michael Jackson trademarks (including Michael Jackson and/or King of Pop), the Michael Jackson likeness and/or artwork and/or photographs ("Infringing Merchandise") that lead the consuming public to believe that said items are sponsored by or associated with and/or affiliated with Michael Jackson and/or his estate and/or plaintiff. Said items have been distributed throughout the United States by various means of interstate transport and delivery in violation of plaintiff's rights.

- 10. The sale of the Infringing Merchandise by defendants is and will be without permission or authority of plaintiff or any party representing Michael Jackson or his estate.
- 11. Defendants' unlawful activities result in irreparable harm and injury in that, among other things, defendants deprive plaintiff, Triumph and/or the Michael Jackson estate of their absolute right to determine the manner in which the Michael Jackson image is presented to the general public through merchandising; deceives the public as to the source, origin and sponsorship of such merchandise; wrongfully trades upon and cashes in on plaintiff's and Michael Jackson's reputations, commercial value and exclusive rights and it irreparably harms and injures the reputations of plaintiff and Michael Jackson.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Violation of 15 U. S. C. 1125(a)

- 12. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 13. This cause arises under 15 U.S.C. 1125(a) relating to trademarks, trade names and unfair competition and involves false descriptions in commerce.
- 14. The Michael Jackson trademark has been used as a mark in connection with his performing services since 1964 and in connection with the sale of various types of merchandise. As a result of same, the Michael Jackson

trademark has developed and now has a secondary and distinctive trademark meaning to purchasers of merchandise.

- 15. Defendants have used the Michael Jackson trademark to sell the Infringing Merchandise containing the Michael Jackson trademark. By misappropriating and using the Michael Jackson trademark, defendants have misrepresented and falsely described to the general public the origin and source of the Infringing Merchandise so as to create the likelihood of confusion by the ultimate purchaser as to both the source and sponsorship of the Infringing Merchandise.
- 16. The sale by defendants of the Infringing Merchandise has and will infringe upon and dilute the Michael Jackson trademark.
- 17. The use of the Michael Jackson trademark in connection with the sale of the Infringing Merchandise will be damaging to and will dilute the good will generated by Michael Jackson and the reputation that Michael Jackson and plaintiff have developed in connection with the sale of legitimate, authorized and high quality merchandise.
- 18. Defendants' unlawful merchandising activities are without permission or authority of plaintiff or anyone authorized to give such consent and constitute express and implied misrepresentations that the Infringing Merchandise was created, authorized or approved by plaintiff and/or Michael Jackson and/or his estate.

- 19. Defendants' aforesaid acts are willful violations of 15 U.S.C. 1125(a) in that the defendants used, in connection with goods and services, a false designation of origin and have caused and will continue to cause said goods (the Infringing Merchandise) to enter into interstate commerce.
- 20. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendants' activities are not enjoined and plaintiff and/or Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer irreparable harm and injury to plaintiff's and Michael Jackson's images and reputations as a result thereof.
- 21. As a result of defendants' activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Violation of 15 U. S. C. 1125(a)

- 22. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11 and 13 through 21 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 23. This cause arises under 15 U.S.C. 1125(a) relating to trademarks, trade names and unfair competition and involves false descriptions in commerce.
- 24. The King of Pop trademark has been associated with Michael Jackson's performing services and has been used by Michael Jackson and/or the Michael Jackson estate in connection with the sale of various types of merchandise. As a result of the same, the King of Pop mark has developed and

now has a distinctive trademark meaning to purchasers of merchandise and/or said mark would be falsely associated with Michael Jackson and/or his estate if it was used by defendants.

- 25. Some defendants herein have used the King of Pop trademark to sell the Infringing Merchandise. By using the King of Pop mark, defendants have misrepresented and falsely described to the general public the origin and source of the Infringing Merchandise so as to create the likelihood of confusion by the ultimate purchaser as to both the source and sponsorship of the Infringing Merchandise and/or are attempting to falsely associate themselves and/or their merchandise with plaintiff, Michael Jackson and/or the Michael Jackson estate.
- 26. Defendants' unlawful merchandising activities are without permission or authority of plaintiff or anyone authorized to give such consent and constitutes express and implied misrepresentations that the Infringing Merchandise was created, authorized or approved by plaintiff and/or Michael Jackson and/or his estate.
- 27. The aforesaid acts of defendants are willful violations of 15 U.S.C. 1125(a) in that the defendants used, in connection with goods and services, a false designation of origin and have caused and will continue to cause said goods (the Infringing Merchandise) to enter into interstate commerce.
- 28. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendants' activities are not enjoined and plaintiff and Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer

irreparable harm and injury to plaintiff's and Michael Jackson's images and reputations as a result thereof.

29. As a result of defendants' activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Violation of Common Law Unfair Competition

- 30. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11, 13 through 21 and 23 through 29 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 31. The use of the Michael Jackson and/or King of Pop trademarks by defendants in connection with the sale of the Infringing Merchandise is likely to, and is certainly intended to, cause confusion to purchasers.
- 32. Defendants, by misappropriating and using the Michael Jackson and/or King of Pop trademarks, have utilized unfair means to usurp the good will and distinctive attributes of the Michael Jackson and King of Pop trademarks.
- 33. Defendants have misrepresented and falsely described to the general public the origin and source of the Infringing Merchandise so as to cause confusion by the ultimate purchaser as to both the source, sponsorship and/or association of the Infringing Merchandise.

- 34. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendants' activities are not enjoined and plaintiff and Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer irreparable harm and injury to plaintiff's and Michael Jackson's images and reputations as a result thereof.
- 35. As a result of defendants' aforesaid activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Trademark Dilution Under 15 U.S.C. 1125(c)

- 36. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11, 13 through 21,23 through 29 and 31 through 35 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 37. By virtue of Michael Jackson's long and continuous use of the Michael Jackson trademark in interstate commerce, said mark has become and continues to be famous within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. 1125(c). As such said mark is eligible for protection against dilution pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1125(c).
- 38. Defendants' use of the Michael Jackson mark in connection with the merchandise that they are selling has threatened to cause and is causing dilution of the distinctive quality of the famous Michael Jackson mark by lessening plaintiff's, Triumph's and the Michael Jackson estate's capacity to identify the goods in violation of 15 U.S.C. 1125(c).

- 39. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendants' activities are not enjoined and plaintiff and Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer irreparable harm and injury to plaintiff's and Michael Jackson's images and reputations as a result thereof.
- 40. As a result of defendants' activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Copyright Infringement

- 41. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11, 13 through 21, 23 through 29, 31 through 35 and 37 through 40 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 42. Plaintiff has been granted the exclusive reproduction rights in merchandise, including, without limitation to, shirts, hats, posters and watches in and to the following works that have been registered with the United States Register of Copyrights (copies of records of said registrations are annexed hereto as Exhibit A):
 - (A) Thriller, Registration No. SR-41-965, Registered January 27, 1983;
 - (B) The Official Michael Jackson 1985 Calendar, VA0000171520, Registered October 22, 1985;
 - (C) Bad, Registration No. SR0000084256, Registered November 4, 1987;
 - (D) Dangerous, Registration No. SR0000178165, Registered February 10, 1992;

- (E) Invincible, Registration No. SR0000304780, Registered January 15, 2002;
- (F) Thriller, Registration No. SR0000304788, Registered January 15, 2002;
- (G) Number Ones, Registration No. SR0000343627, Registered December 17, 2003;
- (H) Essential Michael Jackson, Registration No. SR0000378665,Registered October 5, 2005; and
- (I) The Ultimate Collection, Registration No. SR0000385428, Registered December 27, 2005.
- 43. Plaintiff and/or the copyright owner of said registrations have complied in all respects with Title 17 of the United States Code. Plaintiff and/or the copyright owner of said registrations have secured the exclusive rights and privileges in and to the copyrights in the works as set forth above.
- 44. At all relevant times herein, plaintiff owned and still owns the entire right, title and interest in and to the reproduction rights in the respective copyrights as set forth above on the goods that defendants have been selling.
- 45. Defendants have wrongfully copied, distributed and/or sold shirts and/or posters and/or other items displaying the works set forth in paragraph 42 above. Such copying, distribution and/or sale of said goods by defendants constitutes willful and deliberate infringement of plaintiff's rights in the aforesaid copyrights.

- 46. If defendants' activities are not enjoined, plaintiff and/or Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer irreparable harm and injury.
- 47. As a result of defendant's activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

AS AND FOR A SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION Violation of Section 3344.1 of the California Civil Code

- 48. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11, 13 through 21, 23 through 29, 31 through 35, 37 through 40 and 42 through 47 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 49. Michael Jackson was a celebrated musical performer with a proprietary interest, <u>inter alia</u>, in the use in public of his name and likeness. Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009. On July 15, 2009, John Branca and John McClain, the special administrators of the estate of Michael Jackson, on behalf of the Michael Jackson estate, registered a claim pursuant to California Civil Code Section 3344.1. Triumph, an entity wholly owned by the Michael Jackson estate, has granted the exclusive right to Bravado to use the Michael Jackson likeness in connection with merchandise including shirts, posters and watches.
- 50. Defendants have used the Michael Jackson name and likeness in connection with the sale and distribution of the Infringing Merchandise.

- 51. Neither plaintiff nor Triumph nor any party acting on behalf of the Michael Jackson estate has given oral or written consent to defendants for the use of Michael Jackson's name and/or likeness.
- 52. Defendants have violated Section 3344.1 by knowingly appropriating, using and exploiting the Michael Jackson name and likeness in connection with commercial exploitation and/or advertisement of the Infringing Merchandise that they have distributed for their commercial benefit without the consent of plaintiff or any party authorized to give such consent.
- 53. As a result, defendants have deprived plaintiff and the Michael Jackson estate of the right to control the time, place, terms and manner by which to publicize his special talents.
- 54. The use of the Michael Jackson name and likeness in connection with the sale and distribution of Infringing Merchandise by defendants has caused, is causing and will continue to cause plaintiff and/or Michael Jackson and/or his estate irreparable harm and injury. If defendants' activities are not enjoined, plaintiff and/or Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer irreparable harm and injury.
- 55. As a result of defendants' activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Common Law Right of Publicity

- 56. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11, 13 through 21, 23 through 29, 31 through 35, 37 through 40, 42 through 47 and 49 through 55 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 57. Defendants' unauthorized use of the Michael Jackson name and likeness constitutes common law right of publicity violations.
- 58. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendants' activities are not enjoined and plaintiff and Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer irreparable harm and injury to plaintiff's and Michael Jackson's images and reputations as a result thereof.
- 59. As a result of defendants' activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

AS AND FOR A EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

<u>Unfair Competition Under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code Section 17200 et seq.</u>

60. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11, 13 through 21, 23 through 29, 31 through 35, 37 through 40, 42 through 47, 49 through 55 and 57 through 59 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

- 61. Defendants' acts, as alleged herein, have impaired plaintiff's goodwill, have created a likelihood of confusion, and have otherwise adversely affected plaintiff's business and reputation. These acts constitute unfair competition in violation of California Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 et seq. and California common law.
- 62. Defendants' conduct constitutes misappropriation of plaintiff's trademarks and the goodwill associated therewith.
- 63. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendants' activities are not enjoined and plaintiff and Michael Jackson and/or his estate will suffer irreparable harm and injury to plaintiff's and Michael Jackson's images and reputations as a result thereof.
- 64. As a result of defendants' activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court grant the following relief:

A. A Preliminary Injunction restraining, enjoining and prohibiting each of the defendants from using the Michael Jackson name, trademarks, likeness and/or copyright artwork and/or photographs and/or the King of Pop mark and/or anything confusingly similar thereto in connection with manufacturing, distributing or sale of any and all merchandise;

- B. A Permanent Injunction prohibiting defendants from selling or attempting to sell the aforesaid merchandise;
- C. Three times defendants' profits or three times the damages suffered by plaintiff or the Michael Jackson estate, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorneys fees and the costs of the action;
- D. Statutory damages of no less than \$750.00 for each name and/or likeness that each defendant has used on each different product plus punitive damages and attorneys' fees pursuant to California Civil Code Section 3344;
- E. Defendants' profits or damages suffered by plaintiff or Michael Jackson, whichever is greater, plus punitive damages pursuant to the Third Cause of Action;
- F. Statutory damages of \$150,000.00 pursuant to the Fifth Cause of Action for each copyrighted work set forth in paragraph 42 above that defendants infringed on each different product on which defendants copied each copyrighted work; and

G. Such other and further relief that this Court deems to be just and proper. Dated: December Respectfully submitted, Los Angeles, CA By: KENNETH A. FEINSWOG Attorney for Plaintiff 6701 Center Drive West, Suite 610 Los Angeles, CA 90045 Telephone: (310) 846-5800 Fax: (310)-846-5801

EXHIBIT A

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Bad / [performed by] Michael Jackson

ADDITIONAL TITLES: The way you make me feel

OWNER: MJJ Productions, Inc.

APPLICATION AUTHOR: sound recording: M J J Productions, Inc., employer for hire.

AUTHOR: Jackson, Michael author; Emerson, Sam author; Gorman, Greg author; Rolston,

Matthew author; MJJ Productions, Inc. author claimant

CLASS: Sound Recordings

RETRIEVAL CODE: U Sound recording

STATUS: Registered

REGISTRATION DATE: November 04, 1987

CREATED: 1987

PUBLICATION DATE: 1987-08-19

NEW MATTER: all photographic matter, some sound recordings, bands 1-7, 9 & 10.

CONTENTS: Bad

The way you make me feel Speed demon Liberian gir! Just good friends Another part of me Man in the mirror I just can't stop loving you Dirty Diana Smooth criminal Leave me alone

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: 1 sound disc : digital ; 5 in. + 1 booklet.

IMPRINT: Epic EK 40600 c1987.

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NOTES: General note / or Document Header for Recorded Document: Compact disc.

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OWNER: on sound recording & pictorial art; MJJ Productions, Inc. (employer for hire)

AUTHOR: Jackson, Michael author; Ryden, Mark author; MJJ Productions, Inc. author

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CLASS: Sound Recordings

RETRIEVAL CODE: U Sound recording

STATUS: Registered

REGISTRATION DATE: February 10, 1992

CREATED: 1991

PUBLICATION DATE: 1991-11-22

CAST: Performed by Michael Jackson

CONTENTS: Jam

Why you wanna trip on me

In the closet
She drives me wild
Remember the time
Can't let her get away

Heal the world
Black or white
Who is It
Give in to me
Will you be there
Keep the faith

Gone too soon

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REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: Compact disc.

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Participant or performer note: Performed by Michael Jackson.

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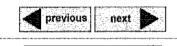
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Registration Number / Date: SR0000304780 / 2002-01-15

Title: Invincible / Michael Jackson.

Imprint: c2001.

Publisher Number: Epic EK 64900

Description: Compact disc.

Notes: Photo: Albert Watson.

Copyright Claimant: © □ MJJ Productions, Inc. (employer for hire)

Date of Creation: 2001

Date of Publication: 2001-10-17

Previous Registration: Preexisting material: one sound recording track 6; some sampled sounds, ills.

Basis of Claim: New Matter: all other sound recordings; photographic matter.

Contents: Unbreakable -- Heartbreaker -- Invincible -- Break of dawn -- Heaven can wait -- You rock

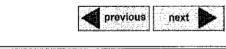
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Thriller / Michael Jackson

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AUTHOR: Jackson, Michael author; MJJ Productions, Inc. author claimant

CLASS: Sound Recordings

RETRIEVAL CODE: U Sound recording

STATUS: Registered

REGISTRATION DATE: January 15, 2002

CREATED: 2001

PUBLICATION DATE: 2001-10-03

NEW MATTER: compilation of sound recordings & photos; some new recordings.

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: Compact disc.

EDITION: Special ed.

IMPRINT: Epic EK 66073 c2001.

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PREVIOUS REGISTRATION: Preexisting material: basic sounds & photos

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Number ones / Michael Jackson.

Type of Work: Sound Recording

Registration Number / Date: SR0000343627 / 2003-12-17

Title: Number ones / Michael Jackson.

Imprint: c2003.

Publisher Number: Epic EK 88998

Description: Compact disc.

Copyright Claimant: © PMJJ Productions, Inc. (employer for hire)

Date of Creation: 2003

Date of Publication: 2003-11-12

Basis of Claim: New Matter: compilation of preexisting recordings & of

preexisting photographic matter, new recording: One more

chance.

Other Title: One more chance Names: Jackson, Michael

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Essential Michael Jackson / by Michael Jackson

OWNER: MJJ Productions, Inc., employer for hire

AUTHOR: Jackson, Michael author; MJJ Productions, Inc. author claimant

CLASS: Sound Recordings

RETRIEVAL CODE: U Sound recording

STATUS: Registered

REGISTRATION DATE: October 05, 2005

CREATED: 2005

PUBLICATION DATE: 2005-07-06

NEW MATTER: compilation of sound recording & of photographic matter.

NOTES: Copyright note includes annotation: Cataloged from appl. only.

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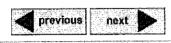
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Michael Jackson: the ultimate collection / Michael Jackson.

Type of Work: Sound Recording

Registration Number / Date: SR0000385428 / 2005-12-27

Title: Michael Jackson: the ultimate collection / Michael Jackson.

Copyright Claimant: ©

MJJ Productions, Inc., employer for hire

Date of Creation: 2004

Date of Publication: 2004-11-03

Previous Registration: Prexisting material: basic sounds, basic photos, some sampled sounds.

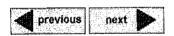
Basis of Claim: New Matter: compilation of sound recordings, some new sound recordings (disc 1:

track 17, disc 2: tracks 6, 9-11, disc 3: tracks 7-9, disc 4: tracks 6, 7 & 11) &

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Names: <u>Jackson, Michael</u>
MJJ Productions, Inc.



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Carla Woehrle.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

CV09- 9066 PSG (CWx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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CV-01A (12/07)

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